

# Garden Covenant

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## Gardener Responsibilities

### 1. Maintain your plot all year

- a) If you do not intend to plant winter crops, please winterize your plot with a cover crop or organic mulch by December 1 each year.
- b) If you decide that you no longer want your plot please notify City staff at [pkgs@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:pkgs@shorelinewa.gov). Untended plots may be reassigned.

### 2. Keep public spaces clear and safe

- a) Beginning 2014 plot holders are strongly encouraged to contribute 8 hours of volunteer time to maintain the common areas of the garden including the paths around your plot.\*
- b) Keep vining crops confined to your plot.
- c) Compost responsibly.\*
- d) Known invasive plants are not allowed in the garden plots.
- e) Water responsibly and treat hoses carefully. Water service is off from November through February.
- f) Maintain shared equipment.

### 3. \* Garden organically. For more information about what that means visit [www.organicgardening-101.com/organic-garden.html](http://www.organicgardening-101.com/organic-garden.html).

### 4. Be a good neighbor

- a) Share expertise, produce, tips, and encouragement. Welcome visitors to the garden.
- b) Well-behaved leashed dogs are welcome. Please dispose of scooped poop in the garbage can.
- c) Closely supervised children are welcome and encouraged to participate in the gardening process.
- d) Please be careful that sunflowers, corn or tall trellised plants do not shade your neighbor. Trees, tall fences, permanent structures and tires are not allowed in plots.
- e) Resolve differences in a neighborly way. If this is not possible, please contact City staff at (206) 801-2602.
- f) If you see illegal activity call 911.

## City Responsibilities

- 1. General property management and maintenance
- 2. Application and plot renewal coordination
- 3. Wait List development and database management
- 4. Provide water to the garden from March through October
- 5. Provide common tools and equipment (excluding hand tools)
- 6. Maintain the garden perimeter paths in the fall and again in the spring
- 7. Mediate disputes
- 8. Address untended or problem plots
- 9. Maintain communication with site leadership team
- 10. Attend major meetings
- 11. Outreach to the community (website, flyers, postcards)
- 12. Respond to gardener inquiries at [pkgs@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:pkgs@shorelinewa.gov) or (206) 801-2602